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Hello, I work so long during the day it was so frustrating to come home after missing the news. The unique thing about now getting the news from the internet is that I no longer had to rely on the sources that fed me the "truth" before.

Websites like "commondreams.org", "thinkprogress.org, and many websites provided me with information that was contrary to what was being broadcast as the truth now. They also provided links that helped me research the important news. How fresh it was to be getting intelligent information and not the stupid celebrity news we get from once proud news divisions. When I read stories in the New York Times by Judith Miller that were used to to trick us into the Iraq OCCUPATION I understood that our regular news is a propoganda tool for our government which I believe does the bidding of the big corporations or the elite.

One day I looked for a "friend" (he does not know me but I consider him a great friend), a radio host named Mike Malloy. He was on a radio station in Chicago and who was fired because he did an experiment where he would tell an outrageous story, one that go as truth on right wing radio but his story was left wing propoganda.

It was such a moment, he read a story from "The Onion" that was so way out that no one in his right mind would believe. Since this was a story that made George Bush look like a monster instead of liberals or Bill Clinton the right wing listeners went crazy. It was such a beautiful moment even when he explained that he was broadcasting satire those willing to believe any lie as truth as long as it was from Rush wet their pants when it was against their beloved George Bush. Unfortunately the next day or shortly after he was gone, the one voice on the airwaves that spoke the truth was silenced.

Well his name led me to "www.whiterosesociety.org" where you could listen to Mike Malloy's show or archives of his shows. This led me to Rhandi Rhodes when she broadcast out of Florida and eventually she was big in forming Air America, then I found Thom Hartman and many more voices that spoke for treating people humanely.

I believe without all these websites and the free posting of the news our country would be in even more dire straits than it is now. MoveOn.org and others also are a voice for the people that helps inform us and explains what our government is doing.

What kind of country we live in will be determined on how much "We The People" participate in our democracy. We should correct the president when he says he took an oath to defend the people when he actually took an oath to protect the Constitution. The Constitution was a document made to protect us from the abuses of government and not to protect the government from the people.

The other day I heard someone say that I do not care if the government reads my mail or listens to my phone calls and she thought she was a patriot. Talk to someone who comes from a totalitarian government and see what a free press, the sharing of free thoughts, means.

We already let the government have too much oversight over the internet now and we should be able to send messages, and visit websites without big brother looking over our shoulder. If they have a reason to suspect a person as a terrorist or molester then get a warrant as the Constitution requires.

Break up the corporate media monopolies also

The free internet is essential for a free democracy.

We need to save the internet.